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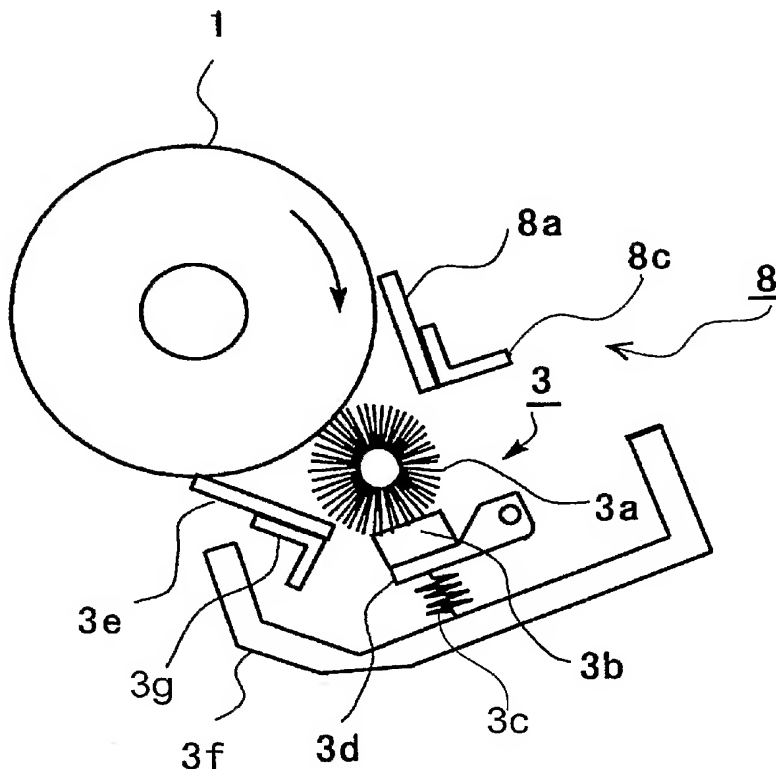
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(57) Abstract: In an image forming apparatus, an "area applied with a lubricant", i.e., an area of a lubricant layer having a uniform thickness is obtained by spreading the lubricant by a lubricant smoothing blade. The "area applied with a lubricant" covers an "area cleaned by a cleaning blade", i.e., a contact portion of the cleaning blade with a photoconductor.



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